Weekly Column for April 8, 2004

Despite the somewhat cooler temperatures over the past week, I am ready to declare that spring has officially arrived in the City of Troy. We have two exciting things to talk about this week. The first is brief. Earth Day is fast approaching and if you haven't signed up for a project yet, I urge you to call a project coordinator or if you want to start you own project, contact Deputy Director of Public Information Jeff Buell at 270-4554.

The second topic this week is the annual spring street cleaning, which begins this coming Monday. The schedule lasts for the next eight weeks as we begin to wipe away the grime left by this winters snowfall.

In an effort to have the street cleaning be as successful as possible, there are a few tips we hope the residents of Troy follow.

First, make sure you aware of when your area will be cleaned. There are three ways of doing it. One is to click on this link, which will bring you to the schedule. The second option is to periodically look in The Record, which has agreed to publish the schedule. The final option is to always call the Department of Public Works at 270-4579.

If residents would like to get the most out of the cleaning they should wash the sidewalks or rake your lawn prior to the sweepers coming around your neighborhood. Be sure that piles are not too large, and are left on the side of the road in the gutter or close to the sidewalk.

All streets will be posted "No Parking" on the street sweeping days. Be prepared that we will be towing cars do facilitate the cleanup. And while the Action Team has begun to crackdown on abandoned motor vehicles, there are some out there. If you know of any please contact DPW at your earliest possible convenience.

Finally all of the regularly posted street cleanings and garbage pickup will remain the same. We ask for your total cooperation as we strive to make Troy clean once again.

As per the norm, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or complaints, please do hesitate to call at 270-4401 or e-mail me at the Mayors Office.

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